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17 April 1956

INTELLIGENCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting Held in
IAC Conference Room, Administration Building,
Central Intelligence Agency, at 1500, 17 April 1956

Director of Central Intelligence
Allen W. Dulles
Presiding*

Deputy Director of Central Intelligence
Lieutenant General Charles P. Cabell
Presiding*

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. W. Park Armstrong, Jr., Special Assistant for Intelligence,
Department of State
Major General Robert A. Schow, acting for Assistant Chief of
Staff, Intelligence, Department of the Army
Rear Admiral Carl F. Espe, Director of Naval Intelligence,
Department of the Navy
Major General Millard Lewis, acting for Director of Intelligence,
Headquarters, United States Air Force
Rear Admiral Edwin T. Layton, Deputy Director for Intelligence,
The Joint Staff
Mr. Harry S. Traynor, Atomic Energy Commission representative
to the IAC
Mr. Alan Belmont, Assistant Director, Federal Bureau of
Investigation

* Part of meeting

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1. Approval of Minutes

10 April Meeting
(IAC-M-236)

Approved as written.

2. Watch Committee Report
No. 297

Noted.

3. Report of Working Group

on Emergency Plans
(IAC-D-96/2, 5 April 1956)

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a. Noted this report and approved the recommendations contained therein.

b. In the course of the discussion, [redacted] noted that the recommendation in this report that the "intelligence community" deal only with live intelligence during Operation Alert 1956 (para. IV. 3. a., page 5) referred only to community-wide operations, and would not preclude departmental exercises on a different basis if desired.

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c. General Cabell noted that Operation Alert 1956 encompassed a period of time during which the IAC normally would meet. Consequently, he anticipated that a regular IAC meeting would be held, possibly at a location in some dispersal area.

4. Release of SNIE 100-4-56

Possibility of Chinese Communist
Military Action Against Certain
Offshore Islands
(ONE Memorandum, 12 April 1956)

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5. Release of NIE 61-56
Probable Developments
in Burma
(ONE Memorandum, 12 April 1956)

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6. NIE 23-56
Political Outlook in
West Germany

- a. Approved as amended.
- b. Noted the findings of the post-mortem on this estimate.
- c. Noted the validity studies of NIE 23-54, "Probable Developments in West Germany," approved by the IAC on 20 December 1954, and NIE 23-55, "West Germany and the Reunification Issue," approved by the IAC on 28 June 1955.

7. NIE 36.6-56
The Outlook for
Saudi Arabia

Agreed to defer consideration of this estimate.

8. Revised Annex D to NIE 11-56:
Soviet Gross Capabilities for
Attack on US and Key Overseas
Installations and Forces
Through Mid-1959
(Memorandum for IAC, 5 April 1956)

- a. Agreed to defer consideration of this paper until the next IAC meeting.

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b. Agreed that JAEIC should conduct a briefing for IAC members and other interested parties on Friday, 20 April, which would cover matters relevant both to Revised Annex D of NIE 11-56 and to the pending NIE 11-2-56 ("Status of Soviet Nuclear Energy").

9. Executive Session

At 1525 General Cabell requested the members to remain for an Executive Session. The members of the IAC considered matters relevant to the scheduled testimony of Mr. Dulles before the Symington Committee on Sino-Soviet Bloc air capabilities. Mr. Dulles presided during a portion of this session.

Adjournment: 1720



Secretary

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